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U.S. Patent 6,473,276 to Chang et al., "Merged Magnetic Head which Includes a Write Head with Single-Sided Notched First Pole Piece," describes a merged magnetic head which includes a write head with a single sided notched first pole piece.

U.S. Patent 6,111,724 to Santini, "Method of Making a Magnetic Write Head with Plated Self-Aligned Zero Throat Height Defining Layer without Reflective Notching of a Second Pole Tip," discloses a magnetic write head with a zero throat height (ZTH) layer.


U.S. Patent 6,337,783 to Santini, "Write Head with Multi-Stitched Second Pole Piece," describes a second pole piece where a second yoke component is stitched to the back and sides of the top edge of a second pole tip to provide improved magnetic coupling.

U.S. Patent 6,029,339 to Chang et al., "Method of Making Write Head with Recessed Stitched Yoke on a Planar Portion of an Insulation Layer Defining Zero Throat Height," discloses the stitching of the yoke component to the second pole tip being achieved by a method that avoids reflective notching in the top yoke.

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U.S. Patent 6,504,675 to Shukh et al., "Perpendicular Magnetic Recording Heads with Write Pole Shaped to Reduce Skew Effects During Writing," discusses unwanted side writing being prevented by modifying the second pole tip such that the leading edge of the pole tip is narrower than the trailing edge.

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